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Mike Kelley ext. 2

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Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

Worship & Bible Study: SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

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Mike's Minute

A Christian Goes Home. Mary Carolyn McClanahan passed into eternity last Friday. She was a member of the Fairfield congregation for over 70 years. She was a quiet, dignified, and positive Christian woman. Her husband, Hunt, was also a member at Fairfield and served as a judge in Hickman County. Mary Carolyn will be greatly missed... and seen again.

Study To Show Thyself Approved. A couple of new studies are getting started at the Field. Rodney Rochelle is beginning a study of angels in his Wednesday night class. The class meets in the basement below the auditorium. My Sunday morning class has begun a new study called, "How Happiness Happens." The class is based on the "one another" statements in the New Testament. The thesis is that happiness is all about good relationships (with God and other people) and the "one another" passages in the Bible help us form great relationships. Our class is designed for those who have recently graduated high school and up to middle age. We meet in the upper room in the Fellowship Building. Consider yourself cordially invited to both of these classes.

Another Jewel From David Swanger. If you have ever gone to a circus and seen an elephant standing outside the big tent, have you noticed what keeps him in place? It is a small rope tied to his front leg. One must wonder how such a powerful animal could be restrained by only a rope. Obviously, the elephant could, at any time, break away. Or can they? Their trainer will explain that when they are very young, they are tied with just such a rope and they come to believe that they cannot break away. As they continue to grow and become stronger, they still believe the rope will hold them and thus never try to break away. Though they could break away at any time, they don't... because they believe they can't. They are stuck right where they are. Many *people* are held back, holding on to a belief that they cannot do certain things, simply because they failed in the past. Like those elephants, so many of our limitations are artificial limitations that are holding us back for no reason except those in our minds. We'd all do well to explore what is holding us back.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Ken needs 3 field guides for next quarter. Please see him if you can help.

This year's all church party's theme is "Tacky Christmas." This will be held in the fellowship hall this Saturday, at 5 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please check the card boxes in the foyer for your mail!

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00 pm in the basement.



I'm sorry, it's taken me so long to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to my family after Martha's passing. Thanks to the church for the wind chimes. Martha was so special to me and I still am having a hard time believing she is gone. I always wanted to be like her. I know she has gone on to a better place.

In Christian Love,
Rita Sullivan

I want to wish everyone here a very Merry Christmas. Everyone has been so nice and kind to me since I started coming here. When I ask for prayers ya'll really come thru for me. That means so much to me. I want to wish also a Happy New Year.

Love to all,
Gerry Smith

Davy Baker's health is now in remission. Thanks for all the prayers for him.

Thanks,
The **Baker family**

MEMORIALS

A donation has been made to the youth ministry in memory of **Mary Carolyn McClanahan** from **Chris & Teresa Kimbro**.

RESPONSE

Katlyn Brymer was baptized after classes on Wednesday night by Mike Kelley.



Members: Dewayne Victory, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Patsy Givens, Melissa Worley (surgery this week), June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jerry Hudgins (St. Thomas Midtown, heart surgery), Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Cleo Anderson, Phillip Atkins, Laura Sisk, Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan, Georgia Garner, Wayne England, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker (cancer is in remission), Ron Gossett, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown



Our sympathy to the family of **Joyce Johnson**, mother of **David** who passed away this week. Her visitation is Saturday beginning at 10 am with the memorial service beginning at 12 noon at Spann Funeral Home in Dickson.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 14 – Church Christmas Party 5 pm. Fellowship hall. Theme: "Tacky Christmas." We will need youth help with this.

Dec. 15 – 3rd-5th grade Christmas Party 5 pm at the Field House. Food will be provided. Bring a present to play Dirty Christmas.

Dec. 22 – Middle/High school Christmas Party. Meet at 3 pm at the Field House. Need \$10 - \$15 to go shopping for a Dirty Christmas present. We will return to the Field House for food and games.



Center Fielders News

“The Names of Christ”

The Bible ascribes many different names to Jesus, all of which provide great insight into His character and person. Here are some from John’s gospel that I find particularly revealing.

The Good Shepherd (10:11) protects his sheep at all costs from predators. They know His voice and follow Him.

The Door (vs 7-9) is the only way to enter heaven. Whoever enters through the “gate” of Christ will be saved.

The Vine (15:1-10) is the source of our spiritual life. When we stay intimately connected to Jesus, we bear fruit. If we don’t remain in Him, we wither.

The Bread of Life (6:25-35) the only one who can truly satisfy our hearts. Jesus feeds our souls with substance that never leaves us wanting for more.

The Light of the World (9:5) shines His light through us as a ministry and a testimony to a dark world.

The Way (14:6) to happiness, peace, joy and eternal life is Jesus Christ.

The Truth (14:6) of His revelation, as recorded in the New Testament, is the reason we can know as much as we do about God.

The Life (14:6) Jesus imparts to believers is powerful, effective, and fruitful, not only in eternity but here on earth as well.

In Biblical times, Israelites would choose a baby’s name based on the child’s characteristics or a hope or prayer of the parent. The names given to Jesus tell a great deal about His ministry on earth 2,000 years ago. The scriptural names describing Him reveal who He was and is and will be for eternity.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 14 – Widows meet at Homestead, 9 am

Dec. 14 – Golden Agers going to Beacon Light for breakfast leaving the building at 8:00 am

Dec. 14 – Tacky Christmas party, 5 pm FH

Dec. 29 – 5th Sunday with Bill McDonald. All of our contribution will be going to pay off our debts. Potluck after classes. Plan to attend.

Christmas Puppet Show



MEN TO SERVE DECEMBER 15

LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Rick Bruno
Left: Bobby Orton **Right:** Stephen Graham
 Nathan Carroll Garrett Cochran
 Al Williams Mike Worley
 Rickey Weems Woody Woodruff
Alternates: Steve Craft, Harry Totty
Basement: Gary Bailey, Dustin Bailey
Sun. P.M.: Roy McCoy, Gerry Hinson

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Zack Harvill
Scripture: Romans 5:1-4
A.M. Opening Prayer: Steve Baker
A.M. Closing Prayer: Paul Victory
P.M. Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Psalms 19:7
P.M. Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
P.M. Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright
Wed. Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Wed. Invitation: (Dec 18) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Steve Baker
Wednesday P.M. (Dec 18) Jeff Stacks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Rodney Rochelle
Sunday P.M. Randal Halbrooks
Wednesday P.M. (Dec 18) Mike Batts

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
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Wed. P.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
 (Dec 18)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please
 call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355
 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 8, 2019
A.M. WORSHIP: 208
CONTRIBUTION: \$4482
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167



Join us to celebrate the anniversary of
Linda and Clay Chandler
 December 28th
 2:00 - 4:00pm
 Fairfield Church of Christ
 Fellowship Hall
 Your presence will be your gift.